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NATIONAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REPORT
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite a public commitment and provision of a liberal financial grant, Planning Commission has failed to produce a National Human Development Report (NHDR), detailing the status of primary education, health, infant mortality and employment

(b) if so, whether the need for the NHDR was felt at the time of preparing the 50th Anniversary of independence;

(c) if so, what are the main reasons for not preparing the same when statistics on infant mortality rates or provision of primary health facilities were available with the Government;

(d) if so, whether the Planning Commission had decided to provide financial assistance to the States which intended bringing out their individual human development reports;

(e) if so, whether Rs.1.10 crores was provided additional Central Assistance to the various States and a provision of Rs.2 crore was made for 1999-2000 also; and

(f) if so, name of the States whom these funds was allotted?

Answer

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(a) to (c) : The Planning Commission has commenced work on the preparation of National Human Development Report. A Steering Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Planning Commission, has been set up to oversee the work. The report is expected to be submitted to the Deputy chairman, Planning Commission by the end of the financial year 2000-01.

(d): Planning Commission is actively assisting the State Governments who have decided to prepare their own State Human Development Reports (HDRs). An amount of Rs.2 crore was earmarked as Additional Central Assistance (ACA) for the year 1998-99 for this purpose.

(e): Rs.1.10 crore was allocated and also released to five State Governments in the year 1998-99 to prepare their State HDRs. The States and the amounts released to them are as follows:

State	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
Andhra Pradesh	25
Assam	20
Arunachal Pradesh	20
Punjab	20
Uttar Pradesh	25

An amount of Rs.2 crore was also earmarked as Additional Central Assistance for State Governments for preparation of State HDRs in 1999-2000.

(f): The following State Governments were allocated and released ACA funds for preparation of their State HDRs in 1999-2000.

State	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
Himachal Pradesh	17
Tamil Nadu	25

Sikkim	6
Rajasthan	12

In addition, Rs.25 lakh were sanctioned to the State Government of UttarPradesh and Rs.20 lakh were sanctioned to the State Government of Punjab during the year 1999-2000. Fresh sanctions were issued out of the ACA funds earmarked for State HDRs in 1999-2000.